GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beneficiaries eligible under the Indira Awas Yojana are in the ratio of 60 % and 40 % of the people belonging to the SCs/STs and OBCs categories respectively;

(b) whether this percentage of limit is applicable at the district level, block level and the panchayat level;

(c) if so, whether any alternate arrangements have been made in the absence of eligible beneficiaries of these categories not available in the said proportion;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons for doing injustice to the eligible beneficiaries other than the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes;

(f) whether complaints have been received by the Union Government in this regard;

(g) if so, the number of such cases pending in the Ministry as on date; and

(h) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for the disposal of these cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b) As per the Guidelines, at least 60 % of the total Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) allocation during a financial year should be utilized for the construction/upgradation of dwelling units for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs), Below the Poverty Line (BPL) rural households. A maximum of 40 % of the houses are to be allowed to non-SC/ST categories of BPL beneficiaries and to widows or next to kin of defence personnel and para military forces killed in action irrespective of the income criteria provided they are shelterless, reside in rural areas and have not been considered under any other Scheme of Shelter rehabilitation. Priority-wise targets are decided at the District level.

(c) to (e) If a particular priority has been covered 100%, targets can be distributed for the remaining priorities as per the guidelines.

(f) to (h) Recently representations in this regard have been received from District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs), Nainital (Uttaranchal) and Kanniyakumari (Tamil Nadu). The DRDAs have been informed as per (c) to (e) above.